



# AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

## Housing: Question on Kitchen Facilities (H-10)

### FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT KITCHEN FACILITIES

- The Department of Agriculture uses these data to determine which areas should receive direct multi-family loan assistance.
- The Department of Health and Human Services uses these data to determine the number of older people who live in inadequate housing and who may be candidates for housing assistance programs or placement in alternative housing.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development uses these data to determine the amount of housing assistance distributed to American Indian and Alaska Native populations.
- Realtors can use these data to locate neighborhoods with housing characteristics that meet their clients' needs.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

### QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

**10** Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have **COMPLETE** kitchen facilities; that is, **1) a sink with piped water, 2) a stove or range, and 3) a refrigerator?**

☐ Yes, has all three facilities

☐ No

### EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR KITCHEN FACILITIES DATA

- Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended
- Community Services Block Grant Act
- Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination, Subchapter III—Title 25, Chapter 43

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### HISTORY OF THE KITCHEN FACILITIES QUESTION

- The question on kitchen facilities has been asked since 1960.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

### WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

Data on kitchen facilities are used with other housing variables to draw inferences about housing quality and frequently are needed as measures of inadequate housing in the absence of better comprehensive data.

Complete kitchen facilities are defined as a sink with piped water, a range, and a refrigerator. These items are combined to save space on the questionnaire and because there is little need for separate information on them.

### WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

### HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

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